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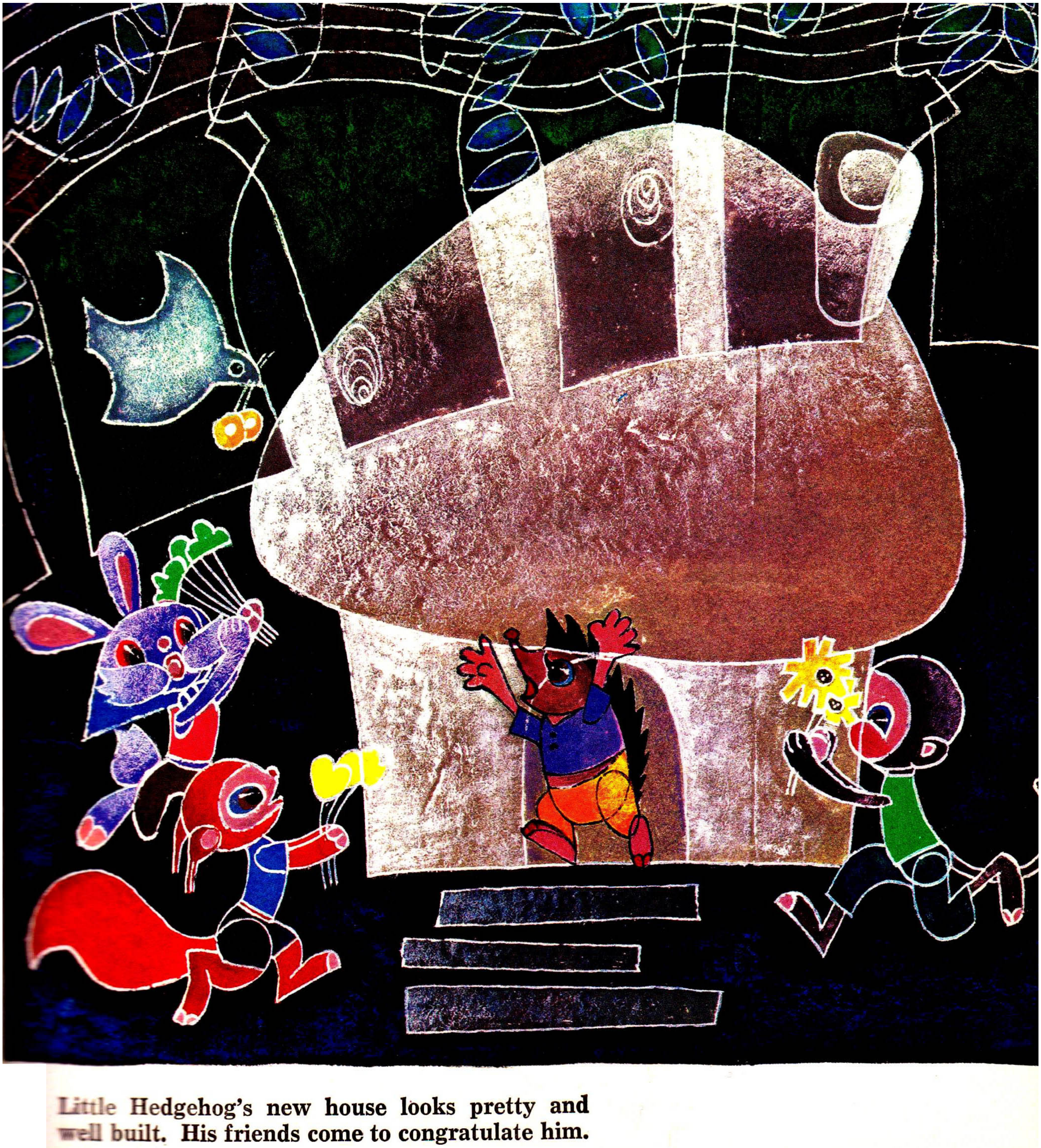
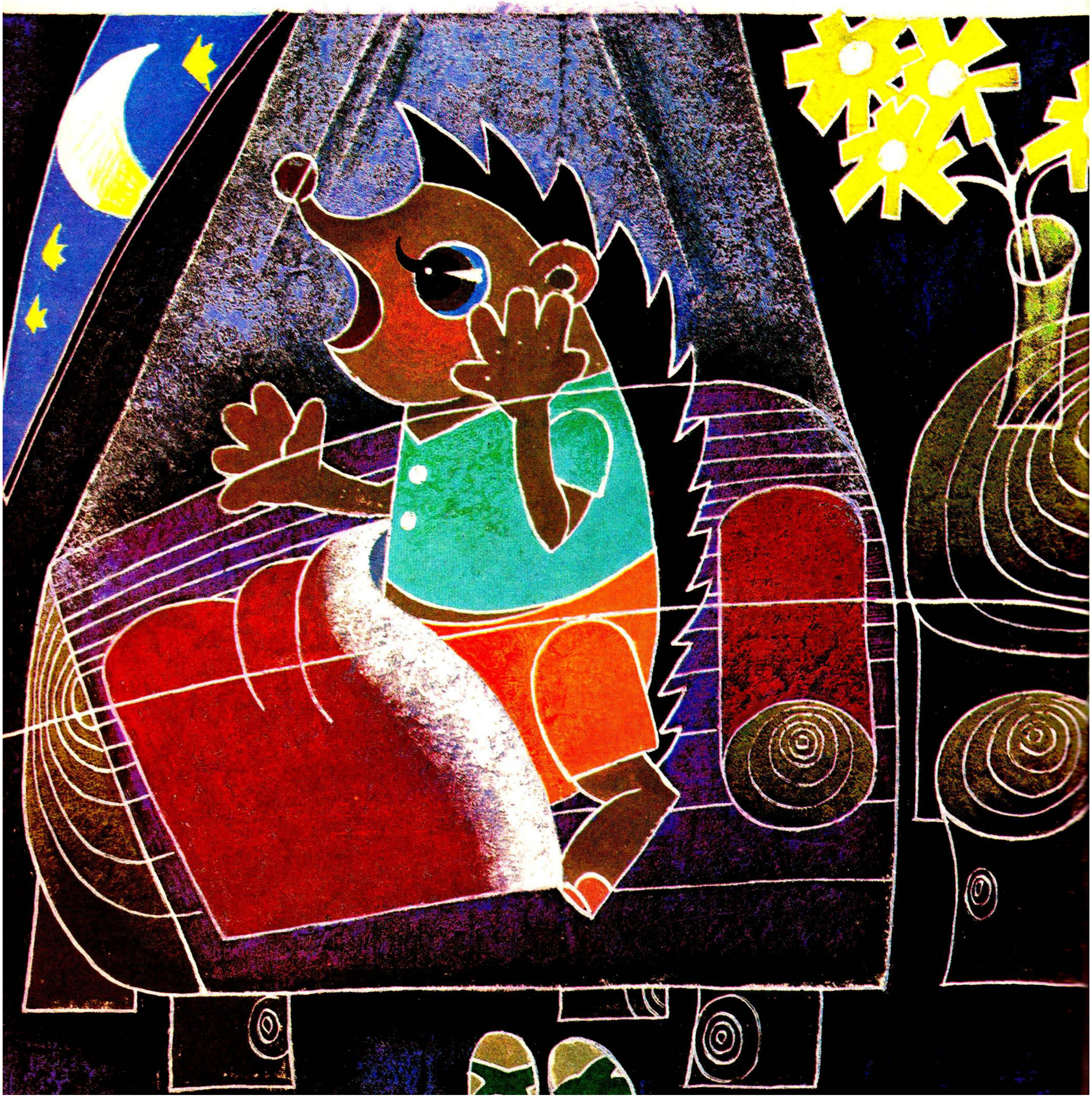
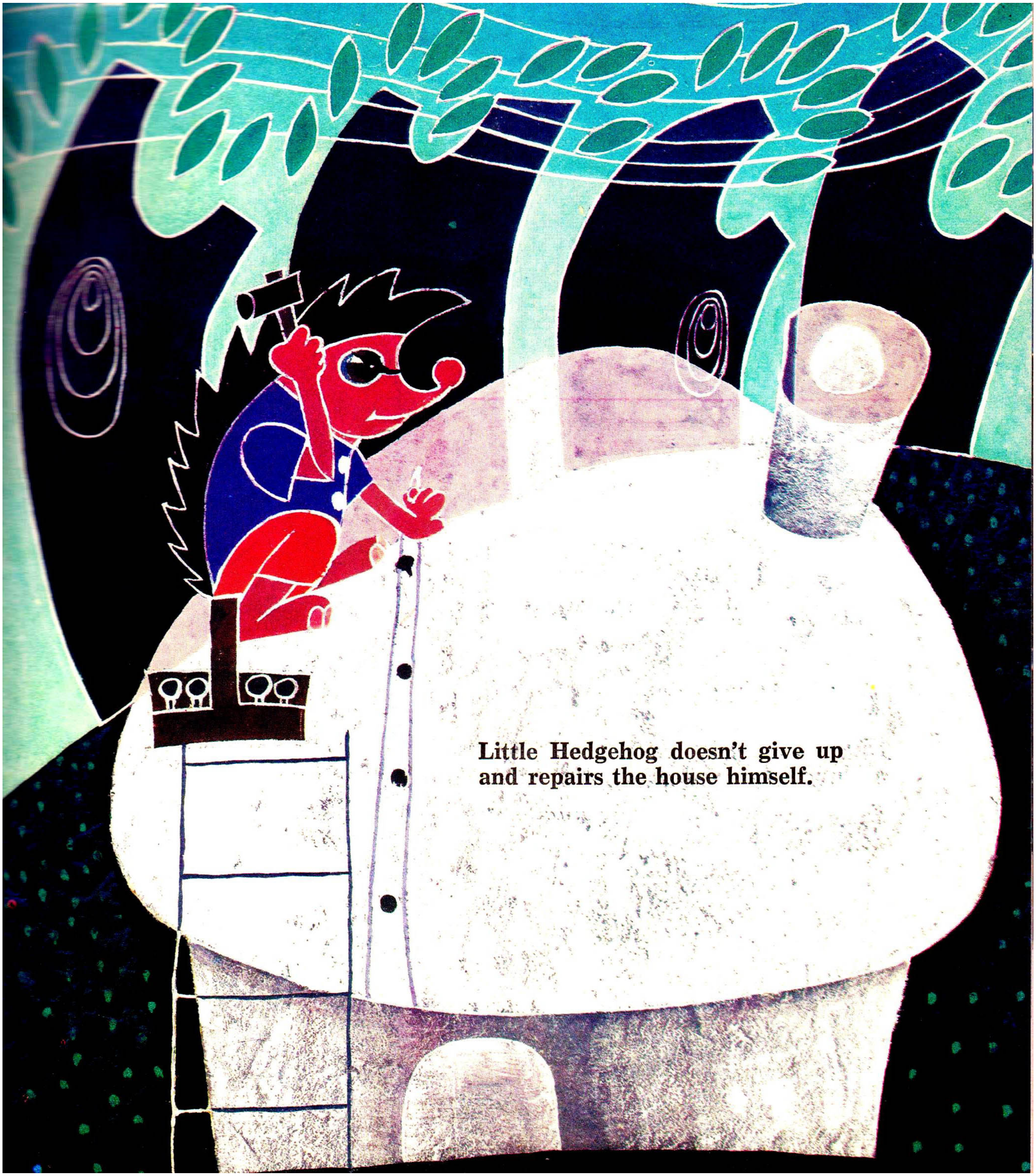


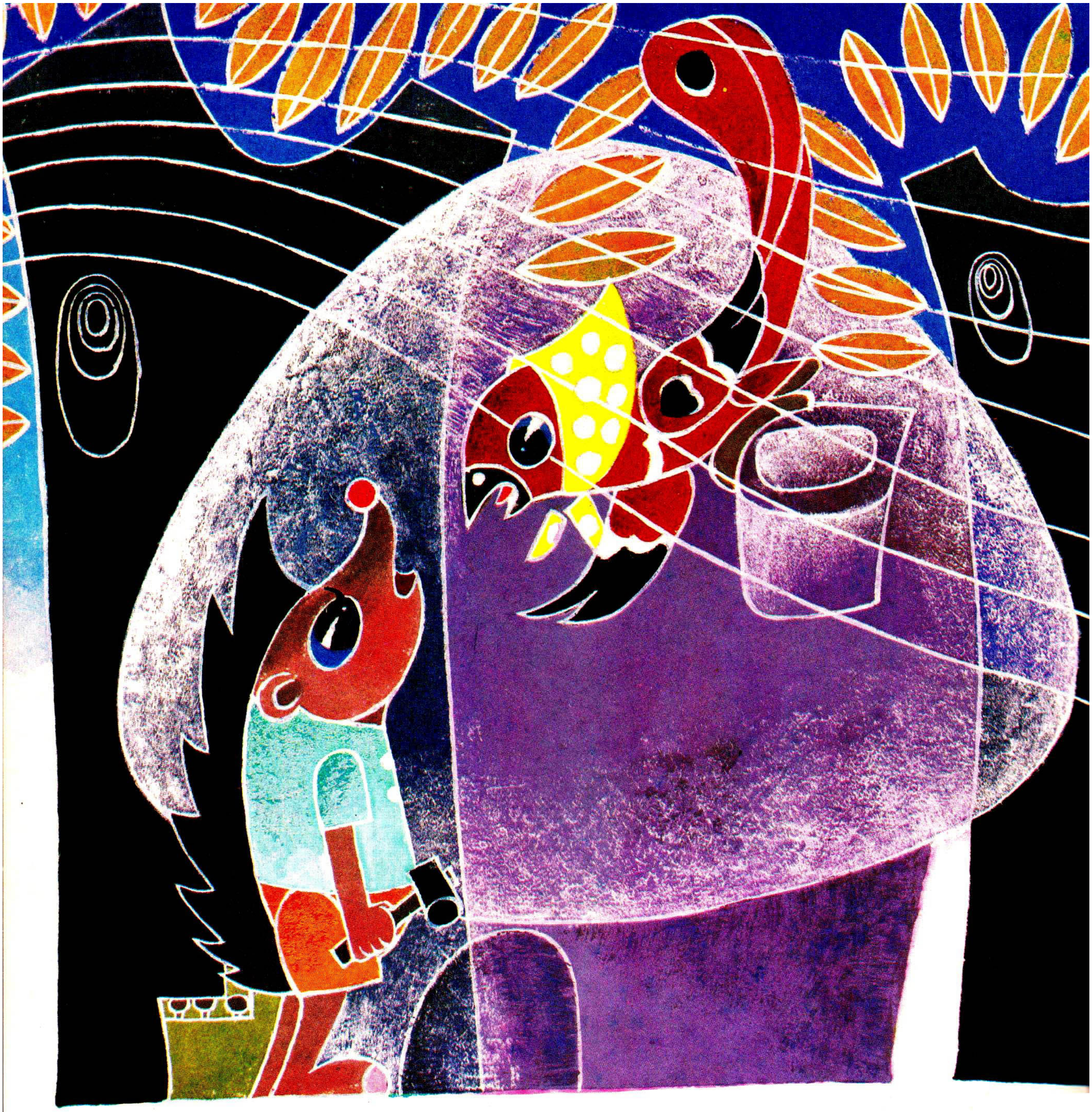
Little Hedgehog's new house looks pretty and well built. His friends come to congratulate him.

But soon the rain, wind and
sun make a big crack in it.

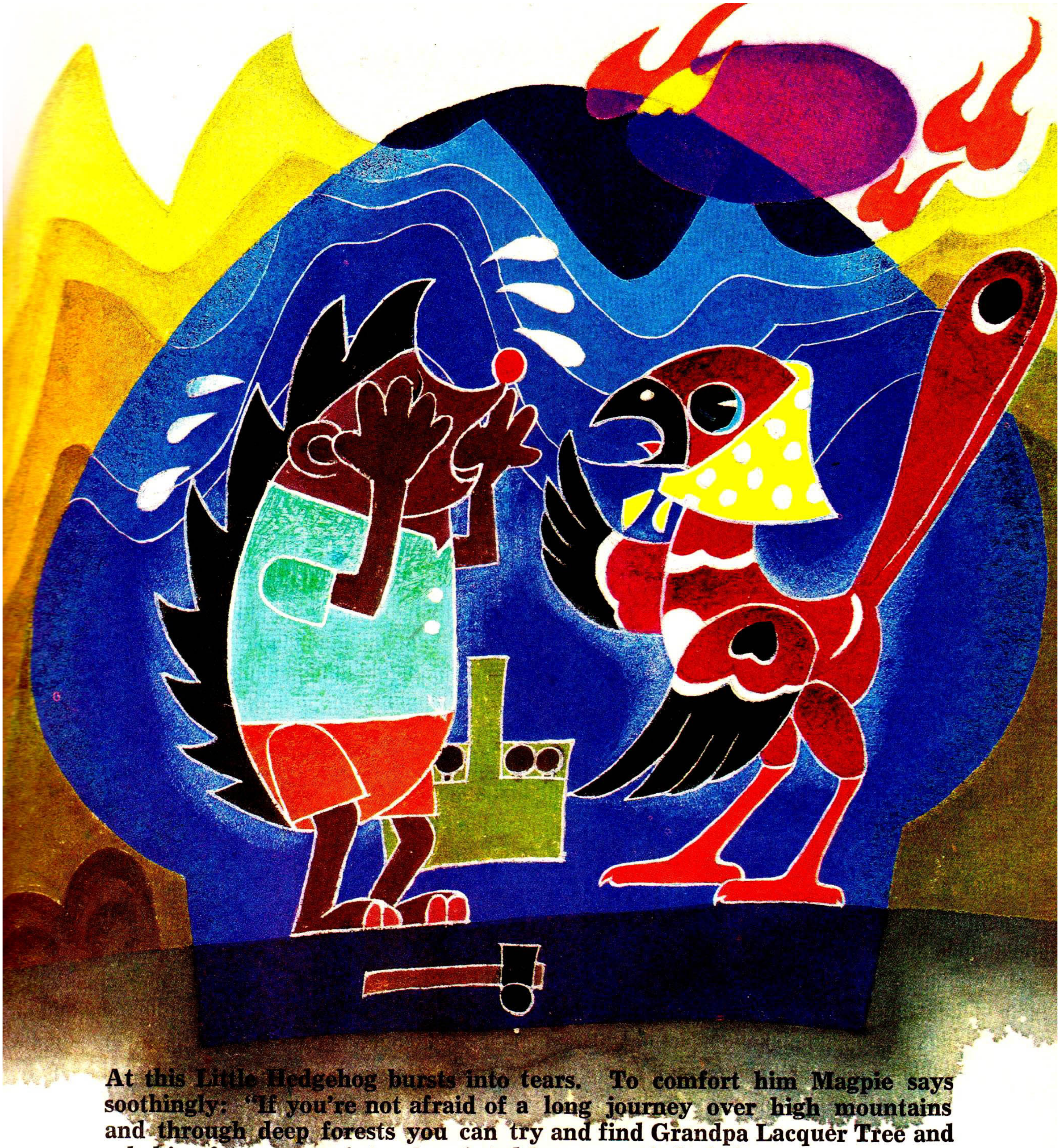




Little Hedgehog doesn't give up
and repairs the house himself.

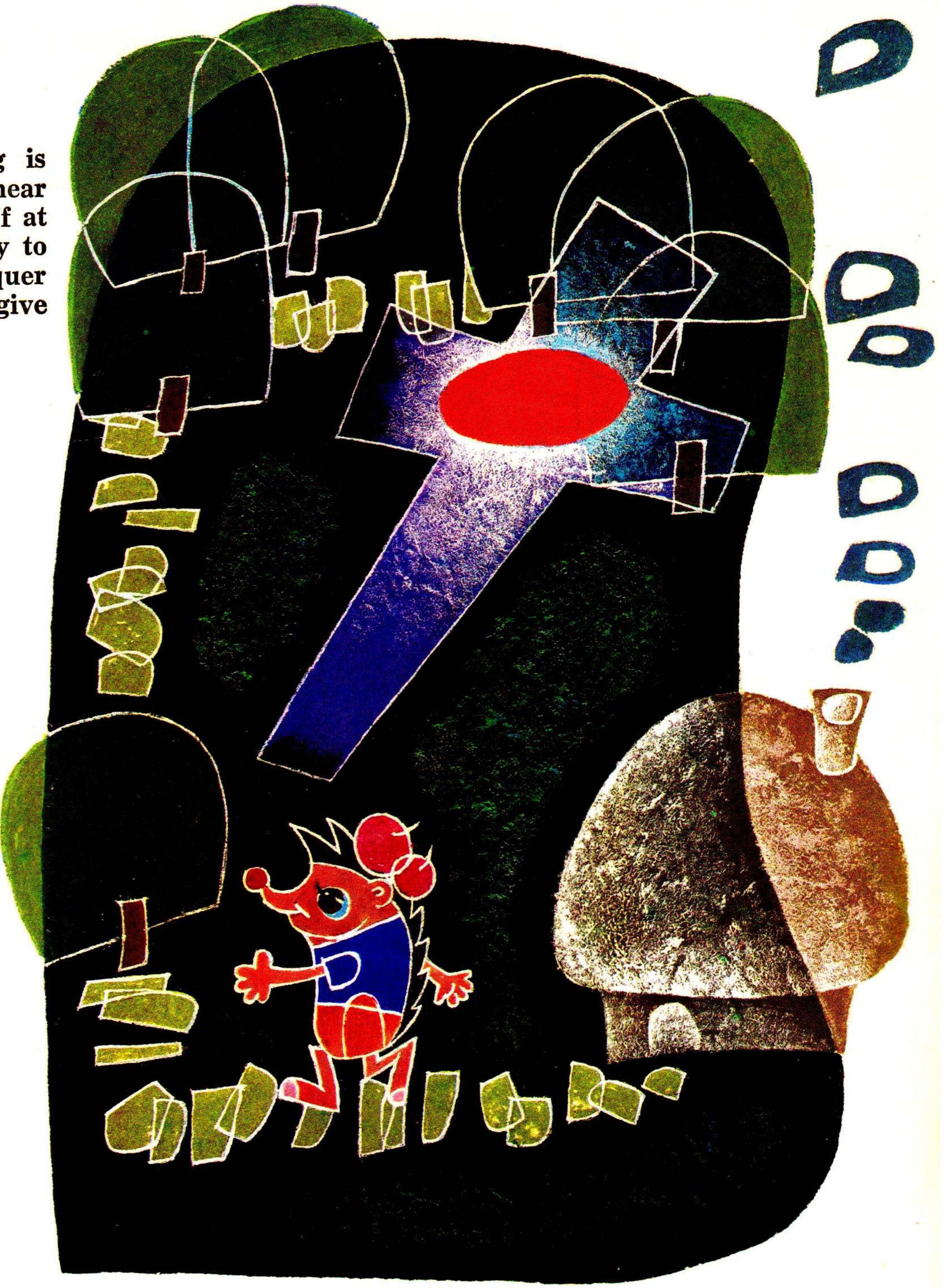


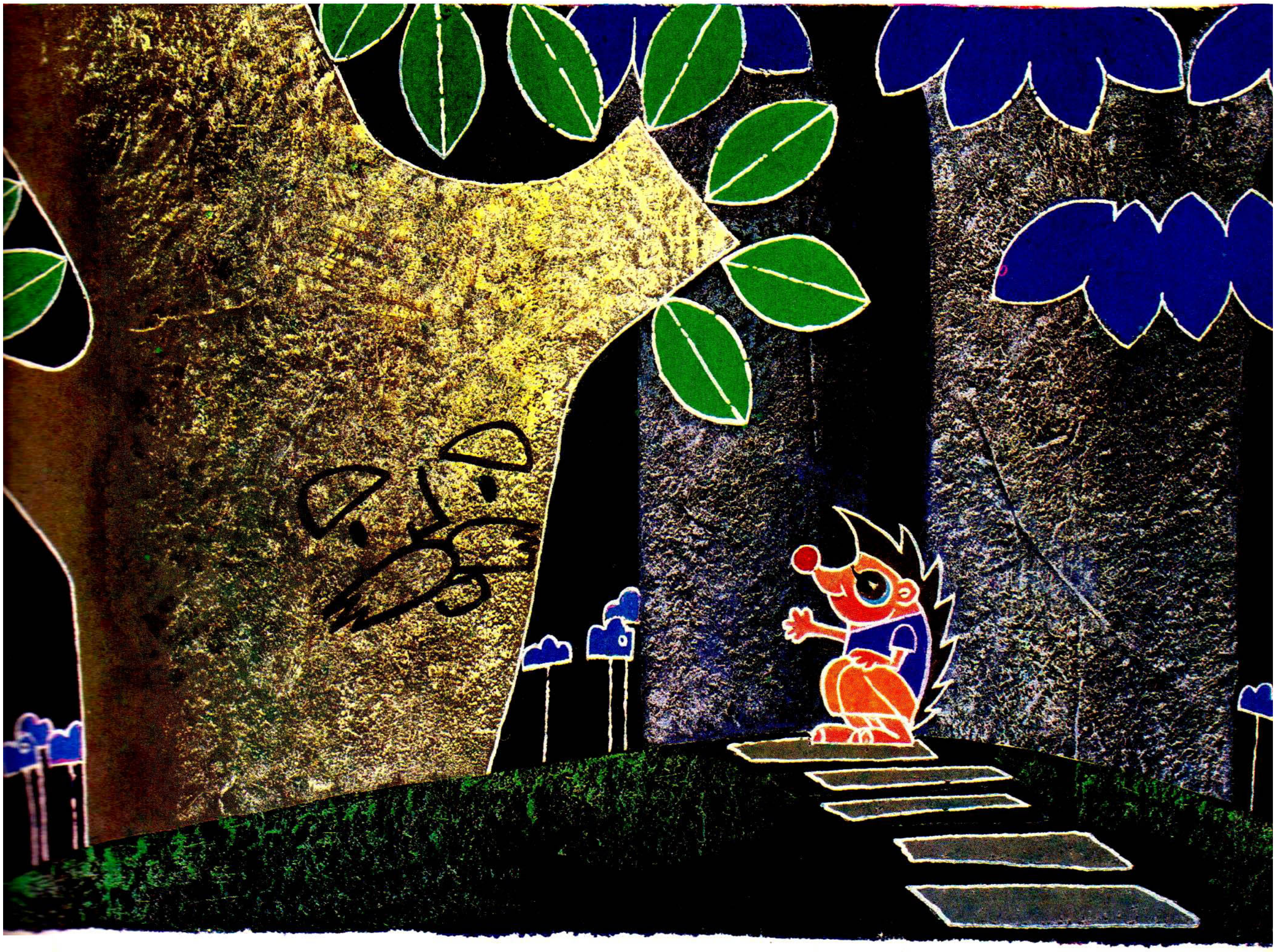
**Just then Magpie flies over, saying: "A wooden house is bound to crack since there will always be wind, rain and sunshine."**



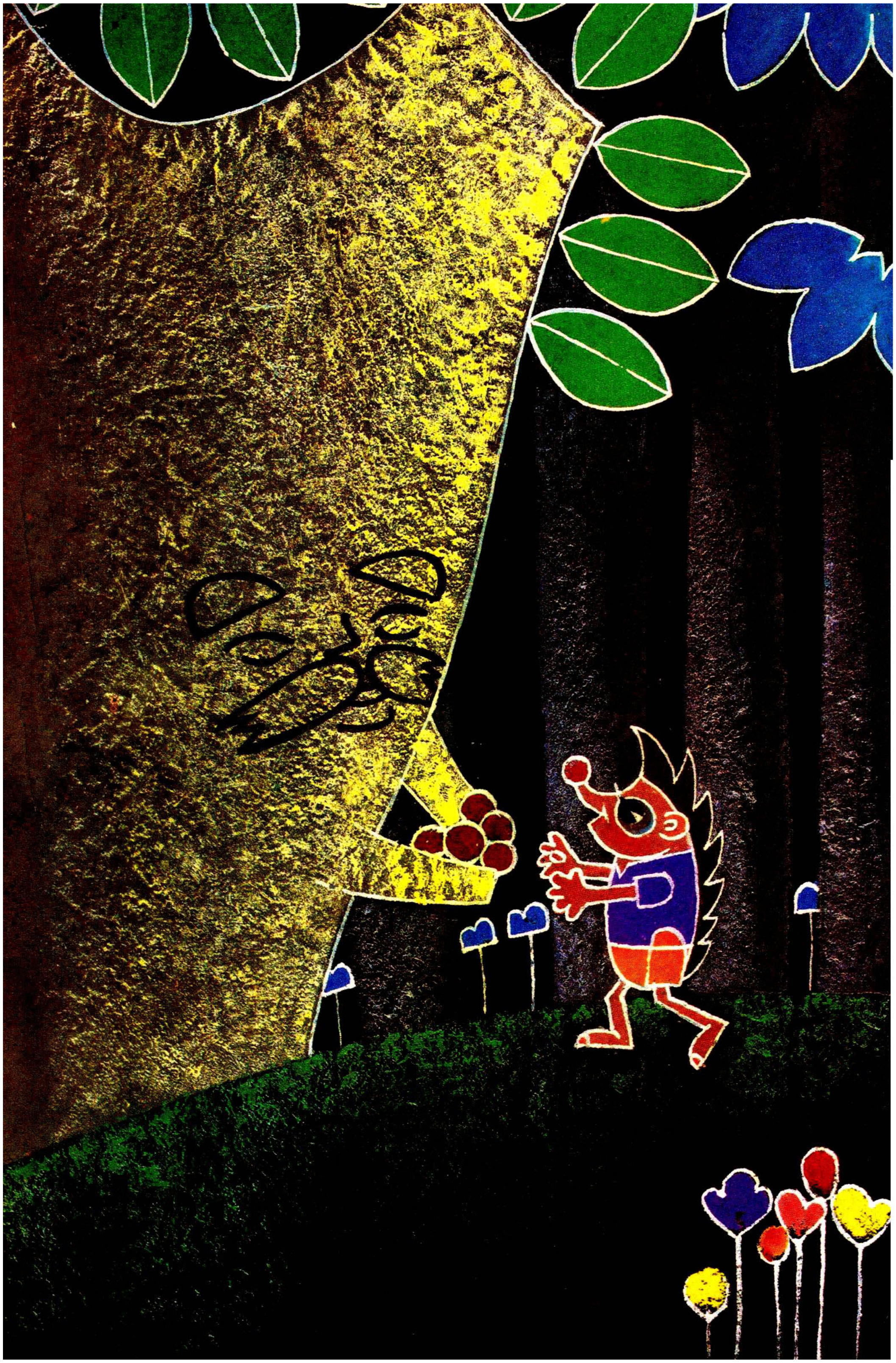
At this Little Hedgehog bursts into tears. To comfort him Magpie says soothingly: "If you're not afraid of a long journey over high mountains and through deep forests you can try and find Grandpa Lacquer Tree and ask him for some paint. A painted house won't leak."

Little Hedgehog is very pleased to hear this. He sets off at once on his way to Grandpa Lacquer Tree, who can give him some paint.

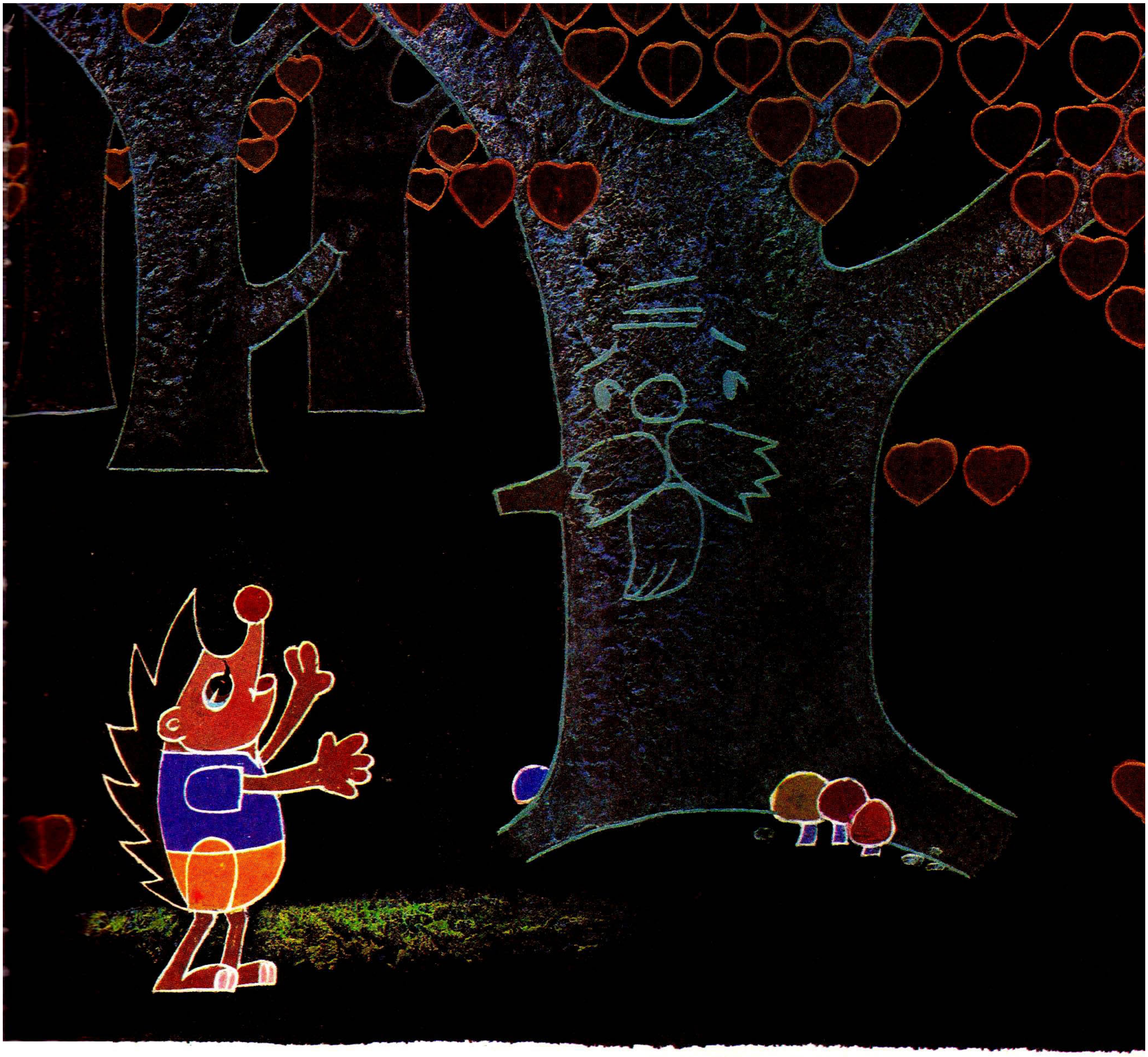




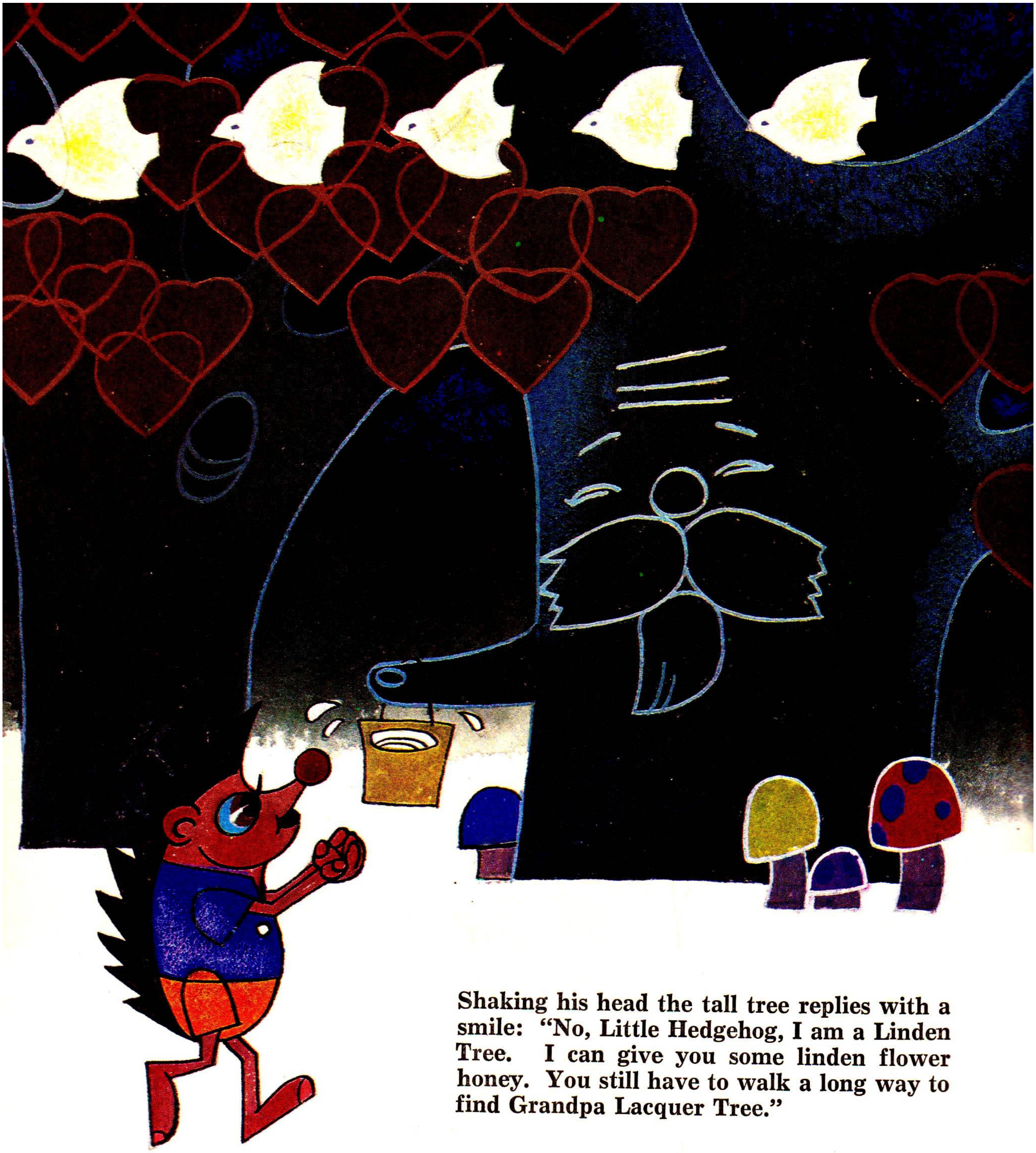
He sees a big tree. "Grandpa Lacquer Tree," he asks eagerly, "will you please give me some paint?"



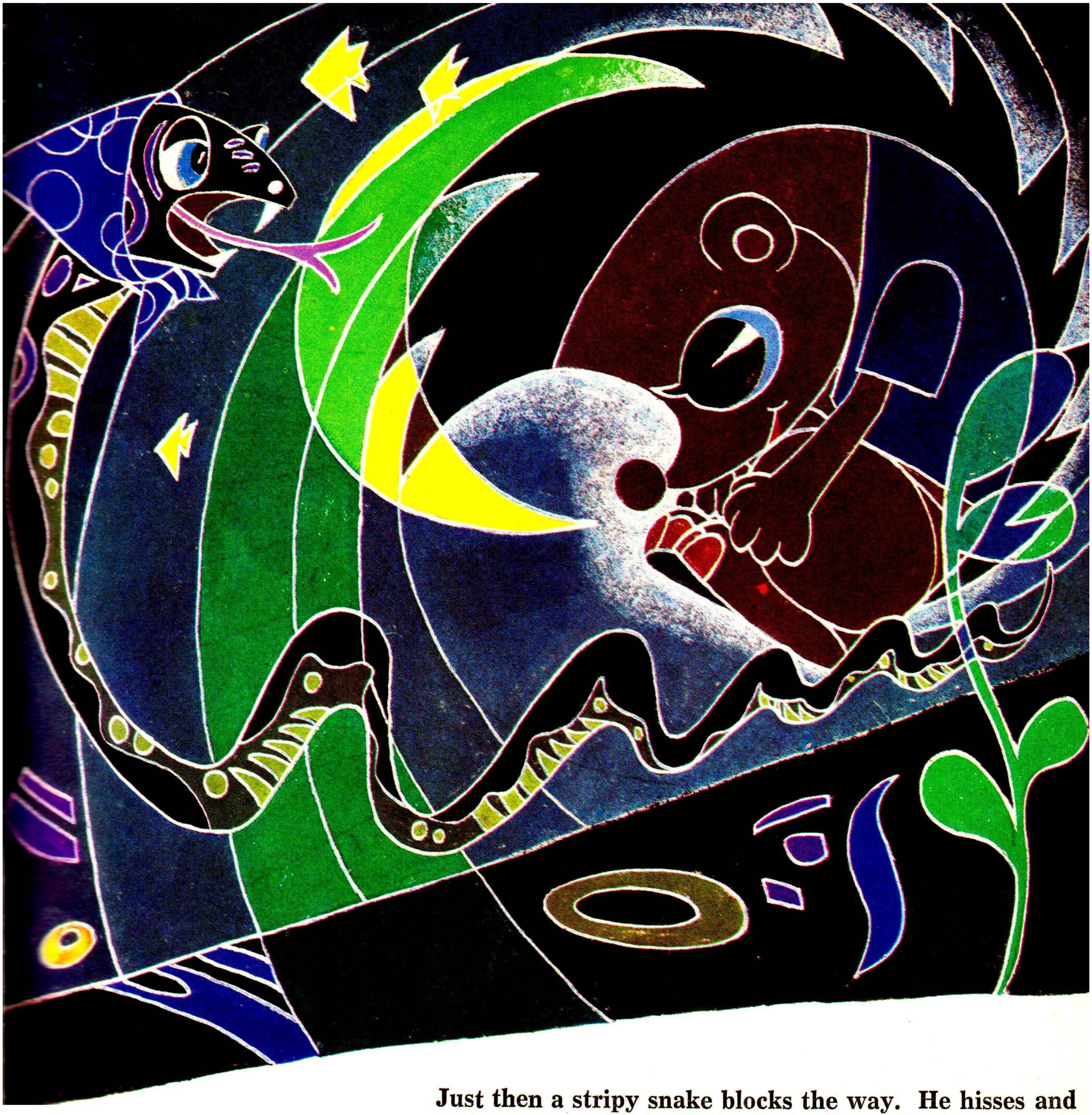
The big tree bursts out laughing, "Little Hedgehog, I am a Chestnut Tree. I can only give you nuts. It is still a long way to Grandpa Lacquer Tree."



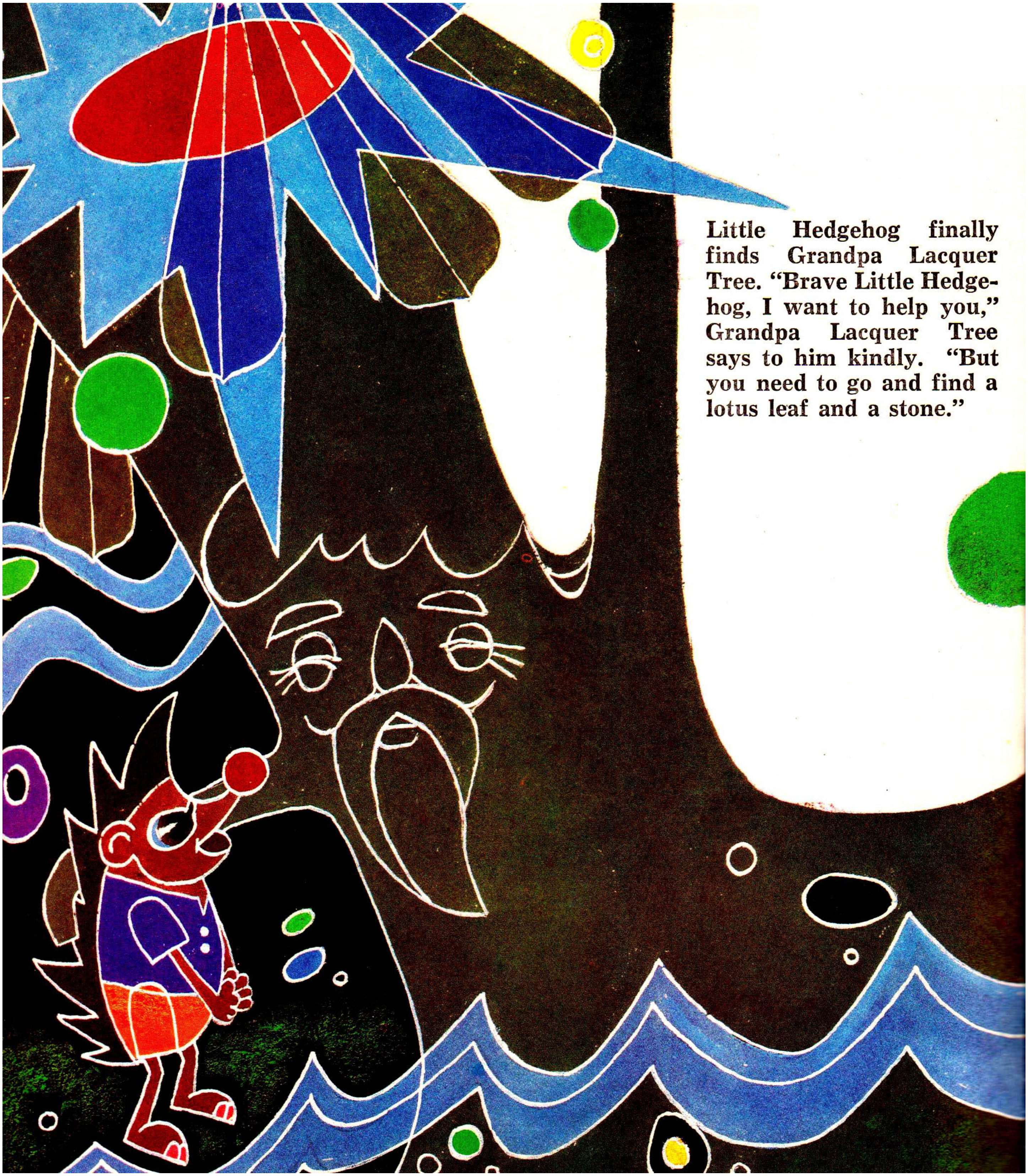
On and on goes Little Hedgehog. He searches for a whole day. Then he sees a tall tree. "You must be Grandpa Lacquer Tree," he says, "will you please give me some paint?"



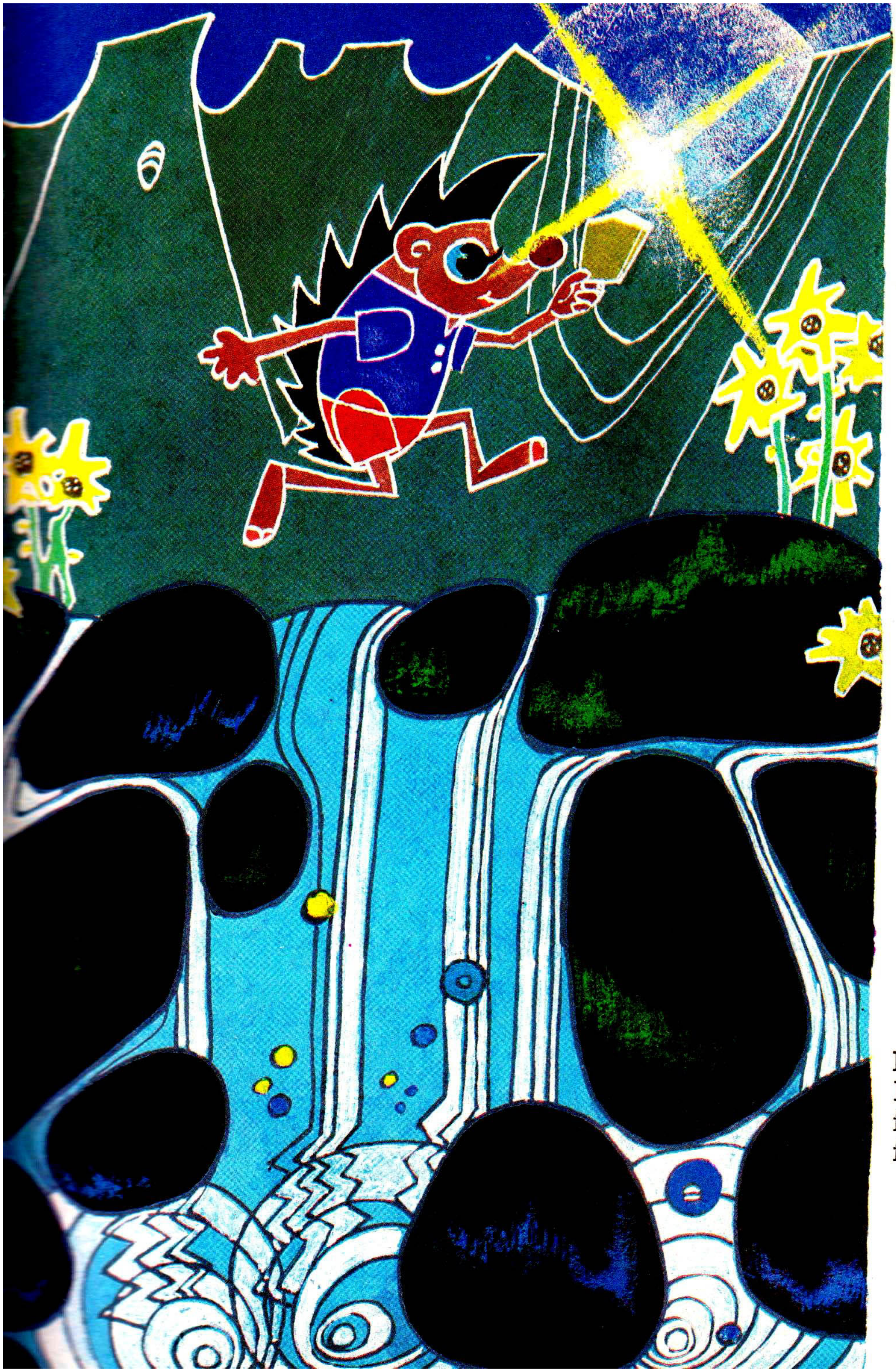
Shaking his head the tall tree replies with a smile: "No, Little Hedgehog, I am a Linden Tree. I can give you some linden flower honey. You still have to walk a long way to find Grandpa Lacquer Tree."



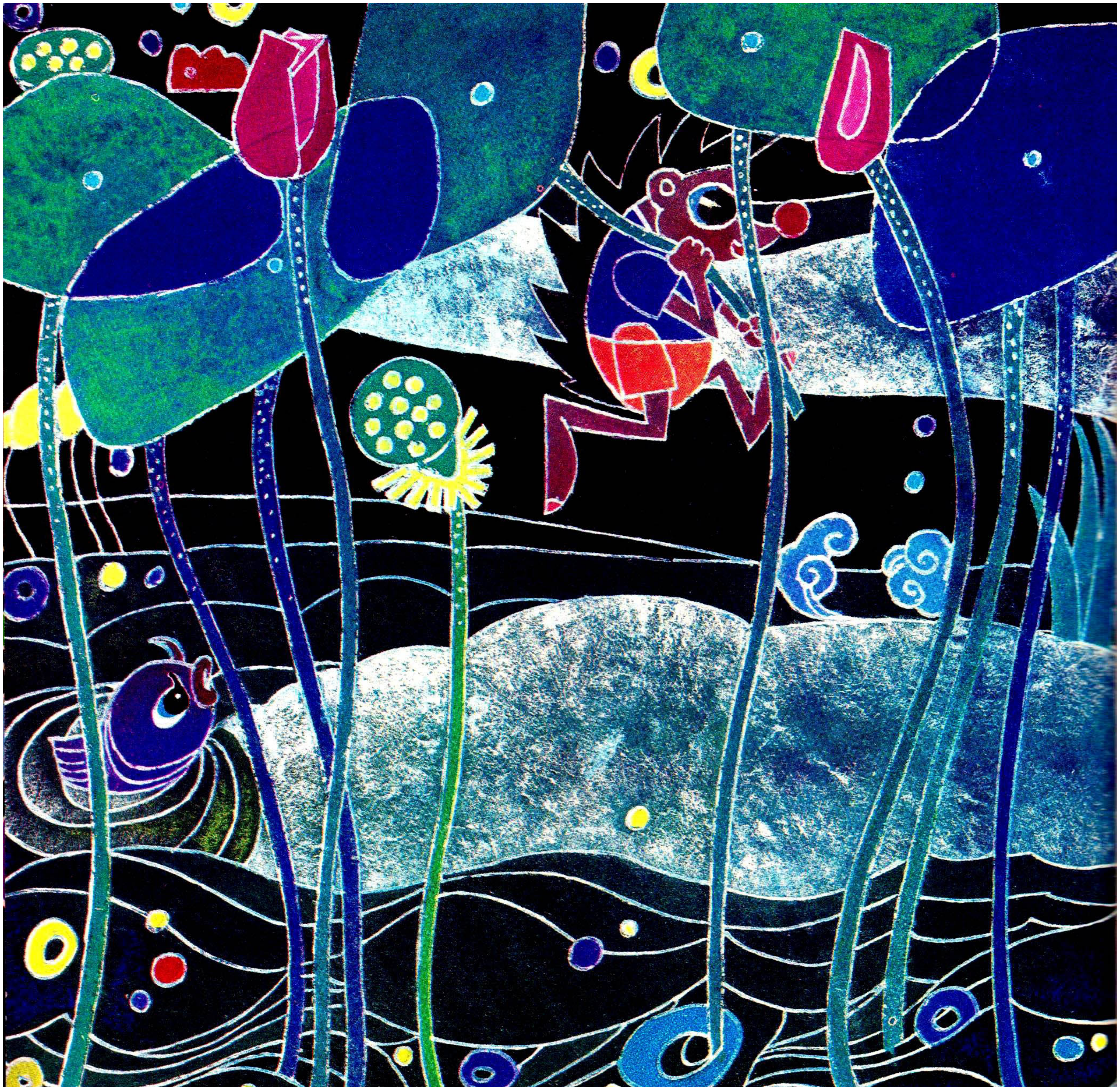
Just then a stripy snake blocks the way. He hisses and springs up at Little Hedgehog. Little Hedgehog isn't afraid and instantly changes himself into a prickly ball and the snake runs away.



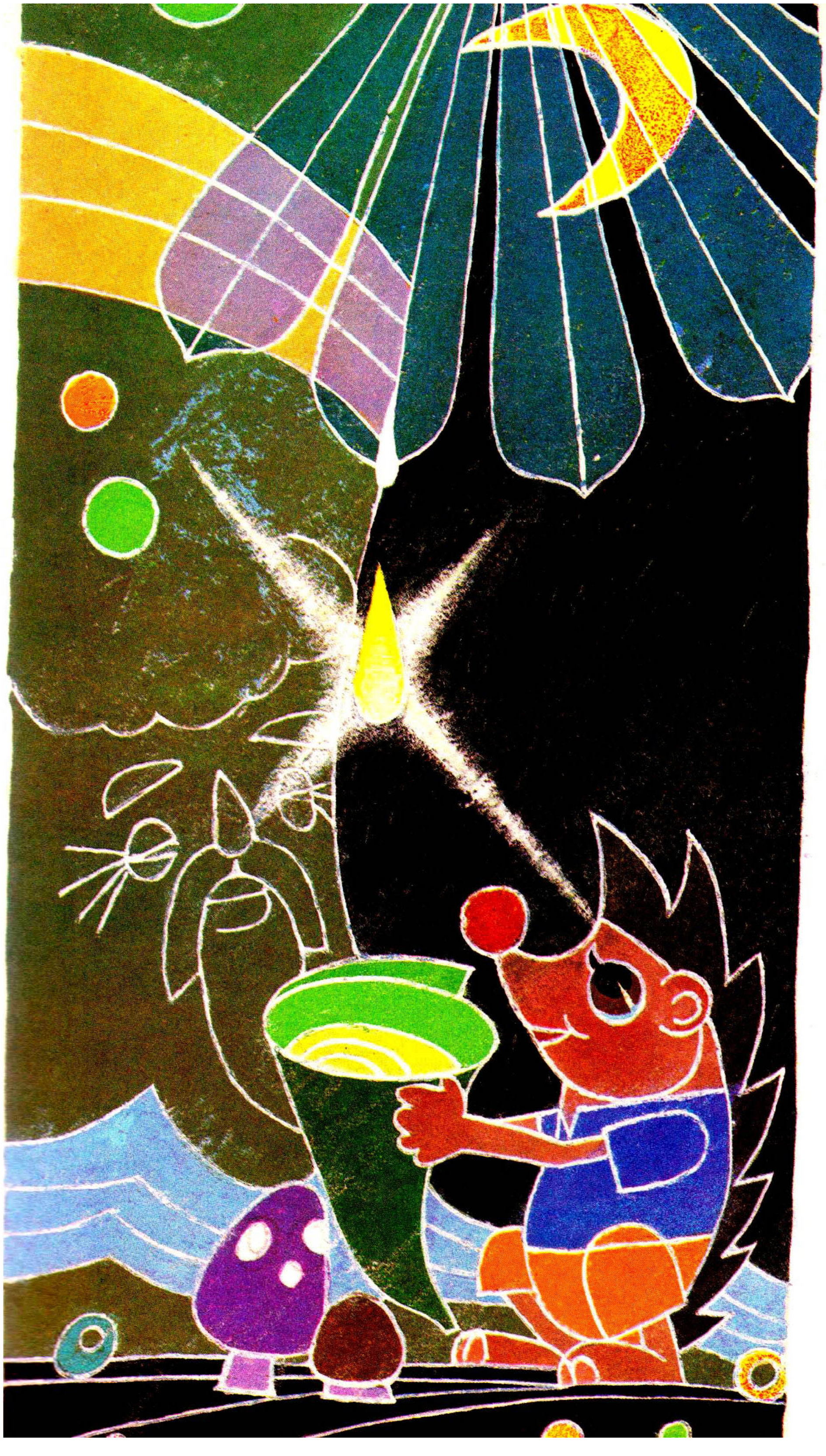
Little Hedgehog finally finds Grandpa Lacquer Tree. "Brave Little Hedgehog, I want to help you," Grandpa Lacquer Tree says to him kindly. "But you need to go and find a lotus leaf and a stone."



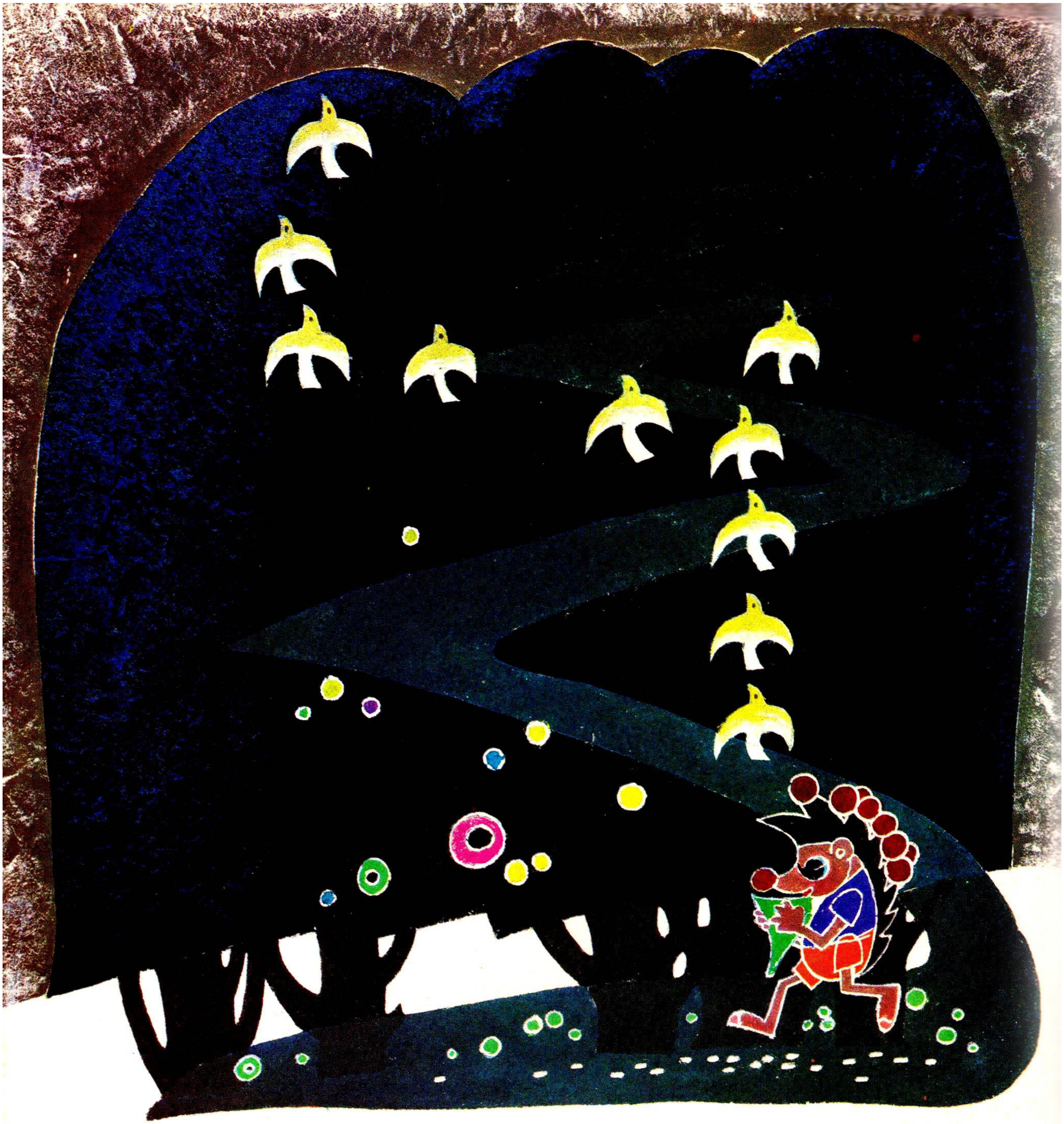
Excitedly Little Hedgehog gets a flat piece of stone from the mountain.



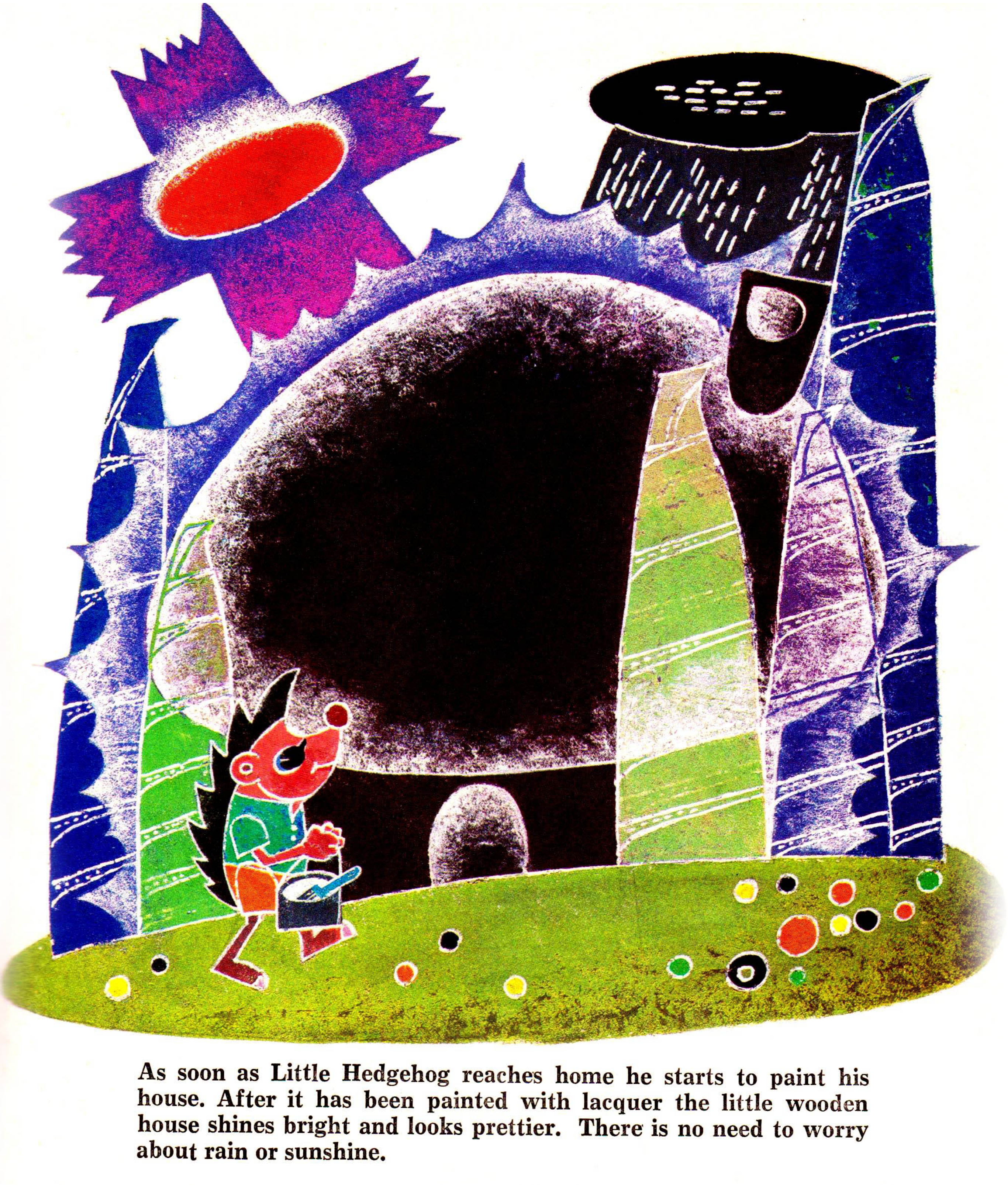
Then he goes to the side of the lake and asks for a large lotus leaf.



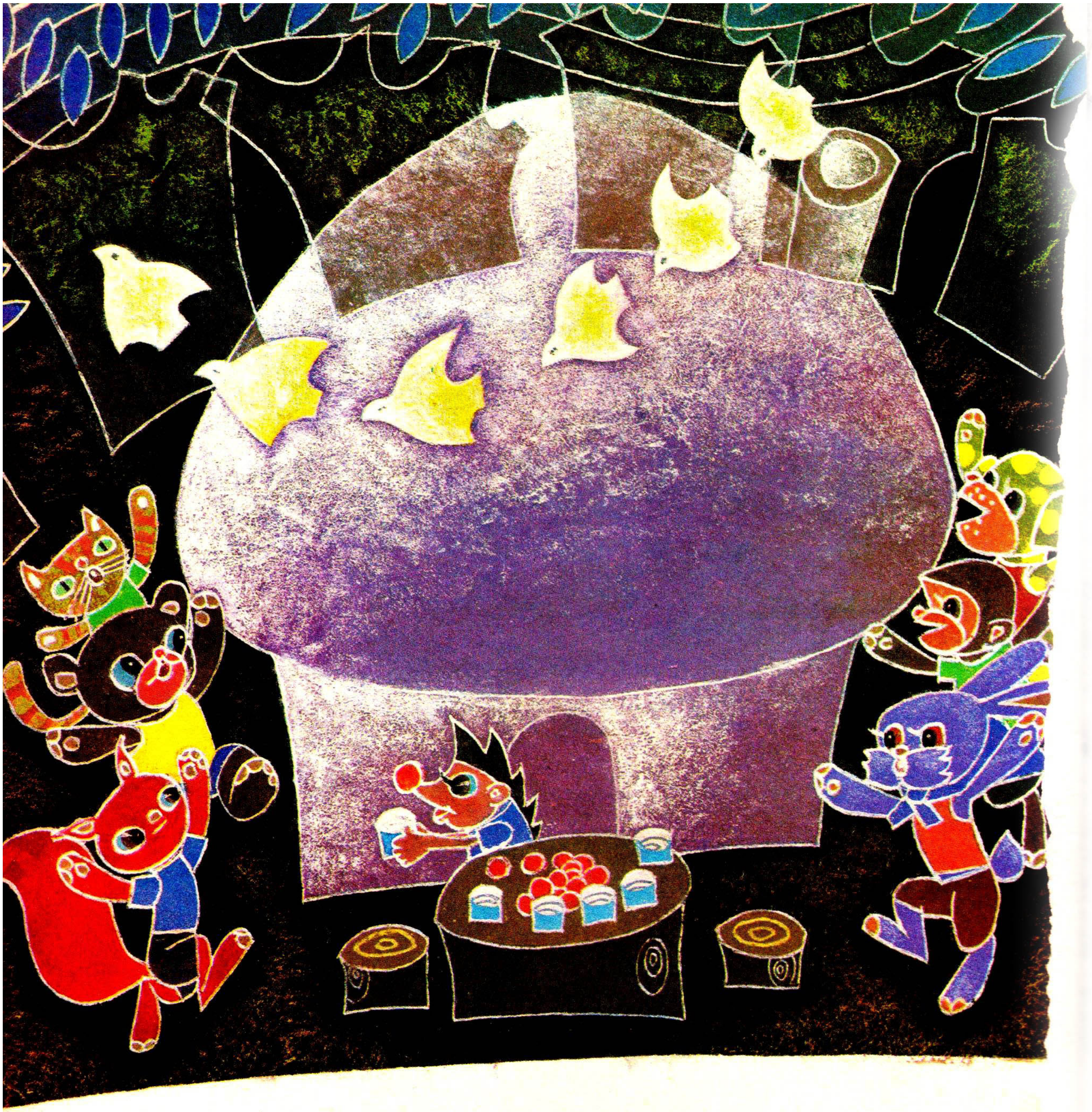
Little Hedgehog puts the lotus leaf into the bucket as Grandpa Lacquer Tree tells him to, and cuts open the bark of the lacquer tree with his stone. Slowly the lacquer drips onto the lotus leaf in the bucket.



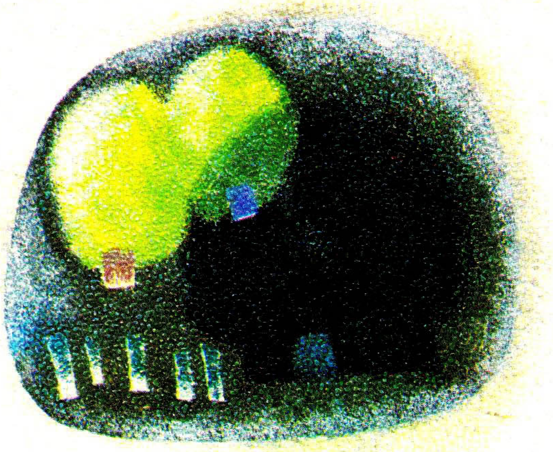
After thanking Grandpa Lacquer Tree, Little Hedgehog starts on his way home with the lacquer in his hands, and the chestnuts and linden flower honey on his back.



As soon as Little Hedgehog reaches home he starts to paint his house. After it has been painted with lacquer the little wooden house shines bright and looks prettier. There is no need to worry about rain or sunshine.



Little Hedgehog invites his friends to celebrate. They eat the chestnuts and honey, singing and dancing and enjoying themselves. Everyone praises Little Hedgehog for being so brave.



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